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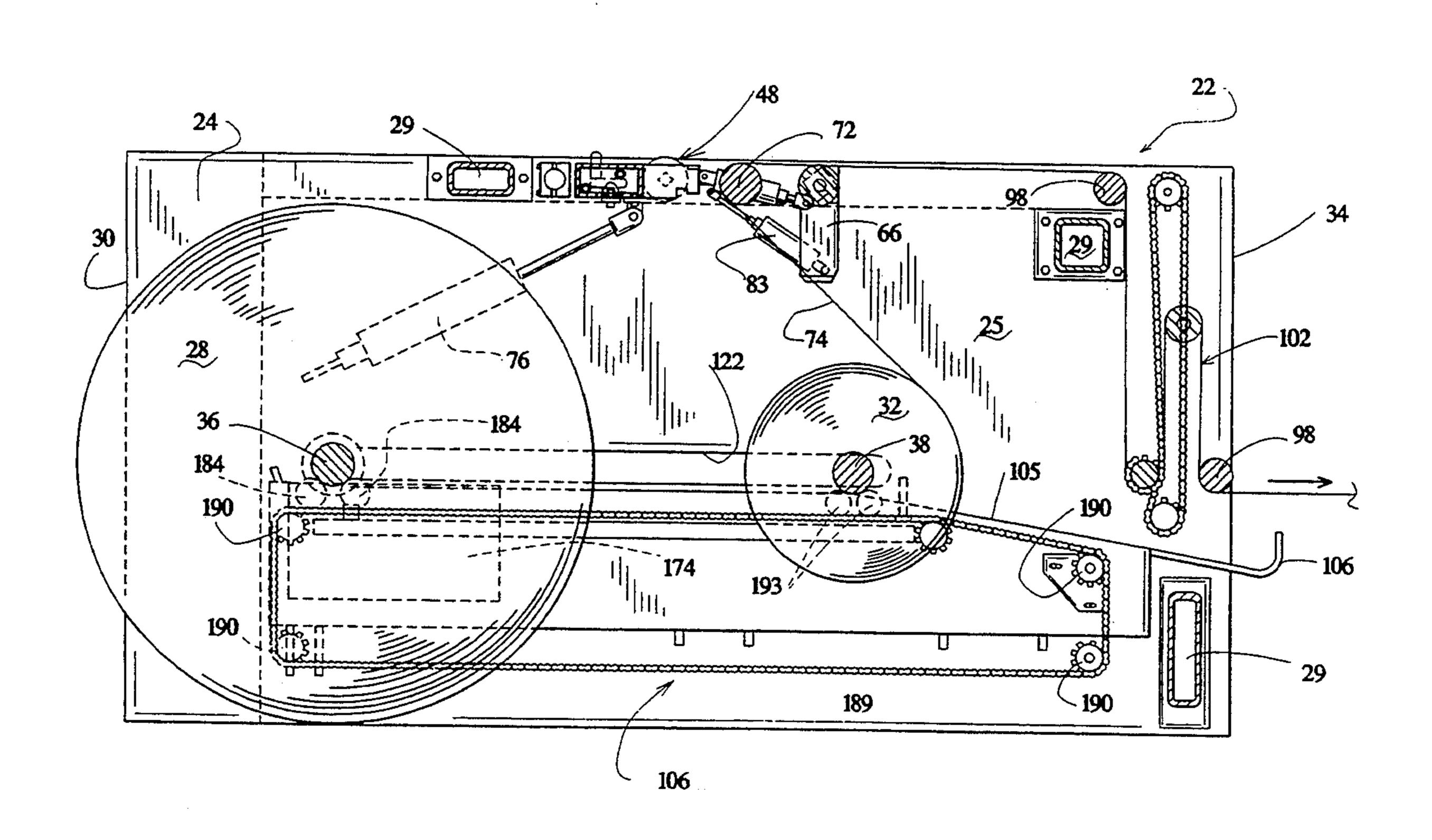
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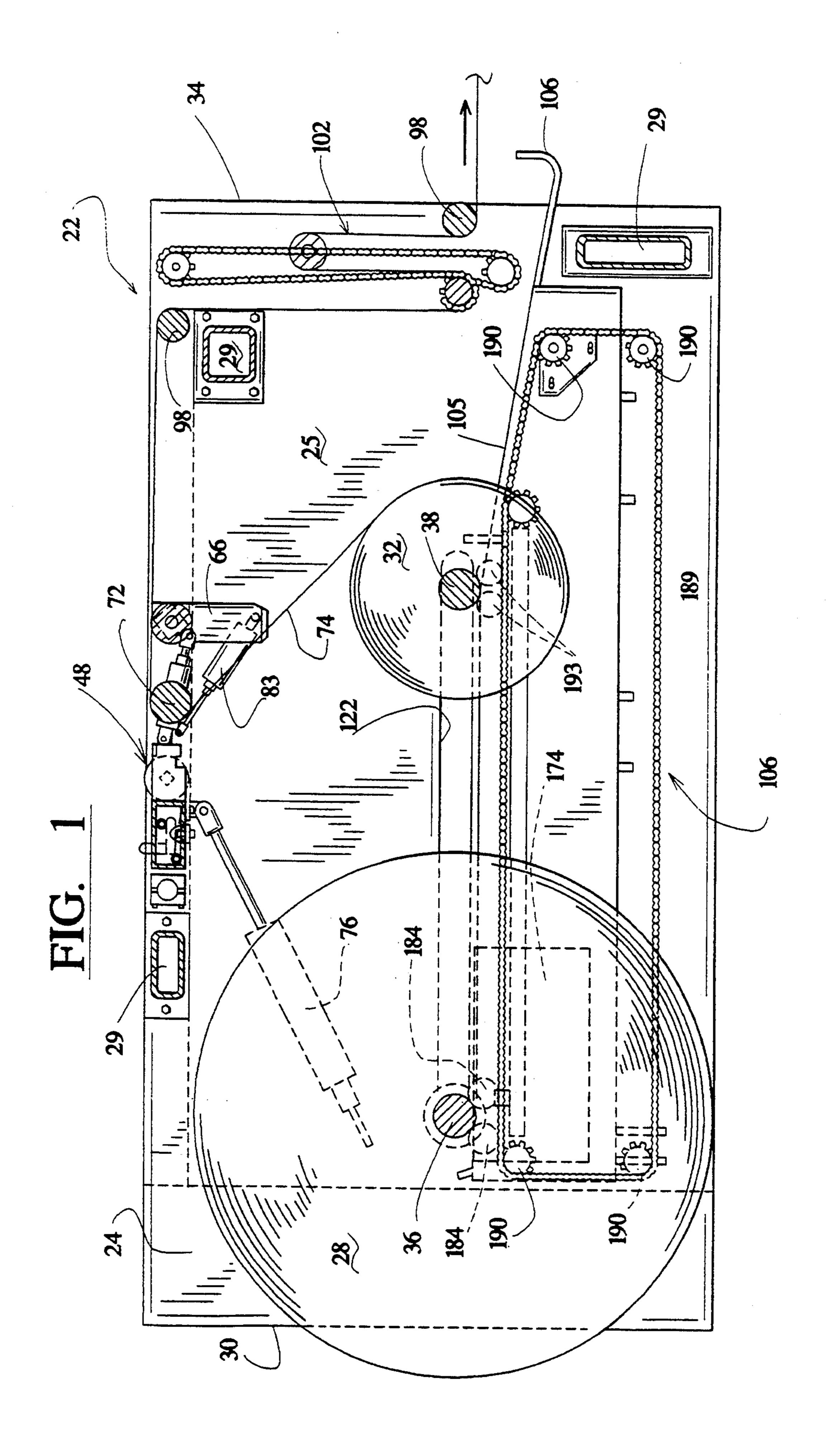
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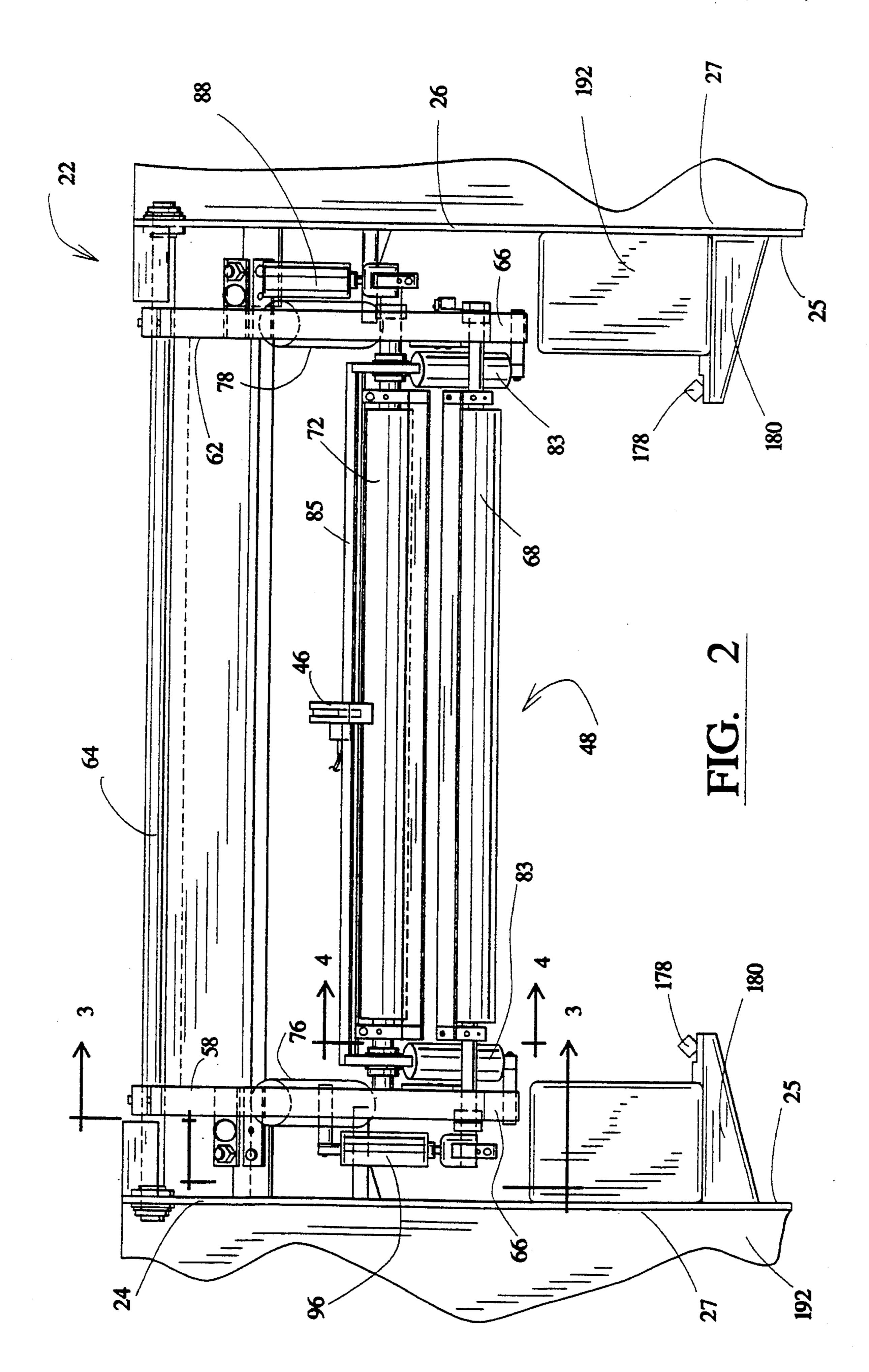
A flying paster is disclosed that achieves straight across

splicing by utilizing web roll core drive technology. Splice calculations are based on input data sensed during preliminary acceleration of the new roll, which is disposed in a splicing position in the flying paster. Acceleration of the new roll is achieved by engagement between the center core shaft of a new roll and a movable brake and roll accelerator assembly. Then, calculations facilitate speed matching between the web running from a second, running roll mounted in the flying paster and the new roll. Splicing is facilitated by the utilization of two, two-sided adhesive strips. One adhesive strip is used to adhere the leading end of the new roll to the rest of the body of the new roll during the pre-splice speed matching, and the second adhesive strip is used for adhering the leading end of the new roll with the newly cut, trailing end of the running web. After splicing, the new, now-running web roll and the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly are moved from the splicing position to an operating position in the flying paster. In the latter position, control over the new, now-running roll is transferred from the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly to a fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly disposed in the flying paster adjacent to the operating position. The movable brake and roll accelerator assembly are then returned to a position adjacent the splicing position so as to be ready for the next, new roll.

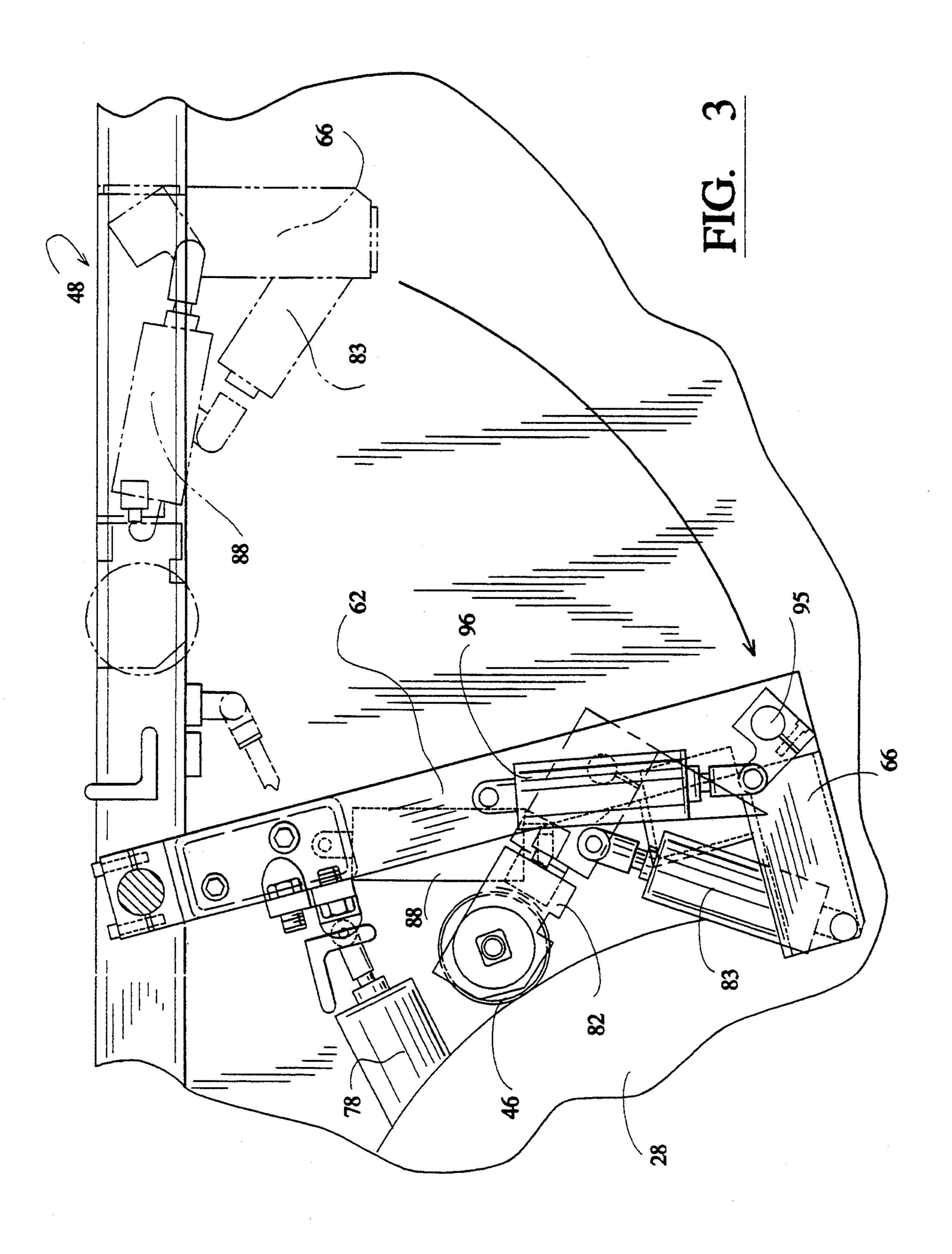
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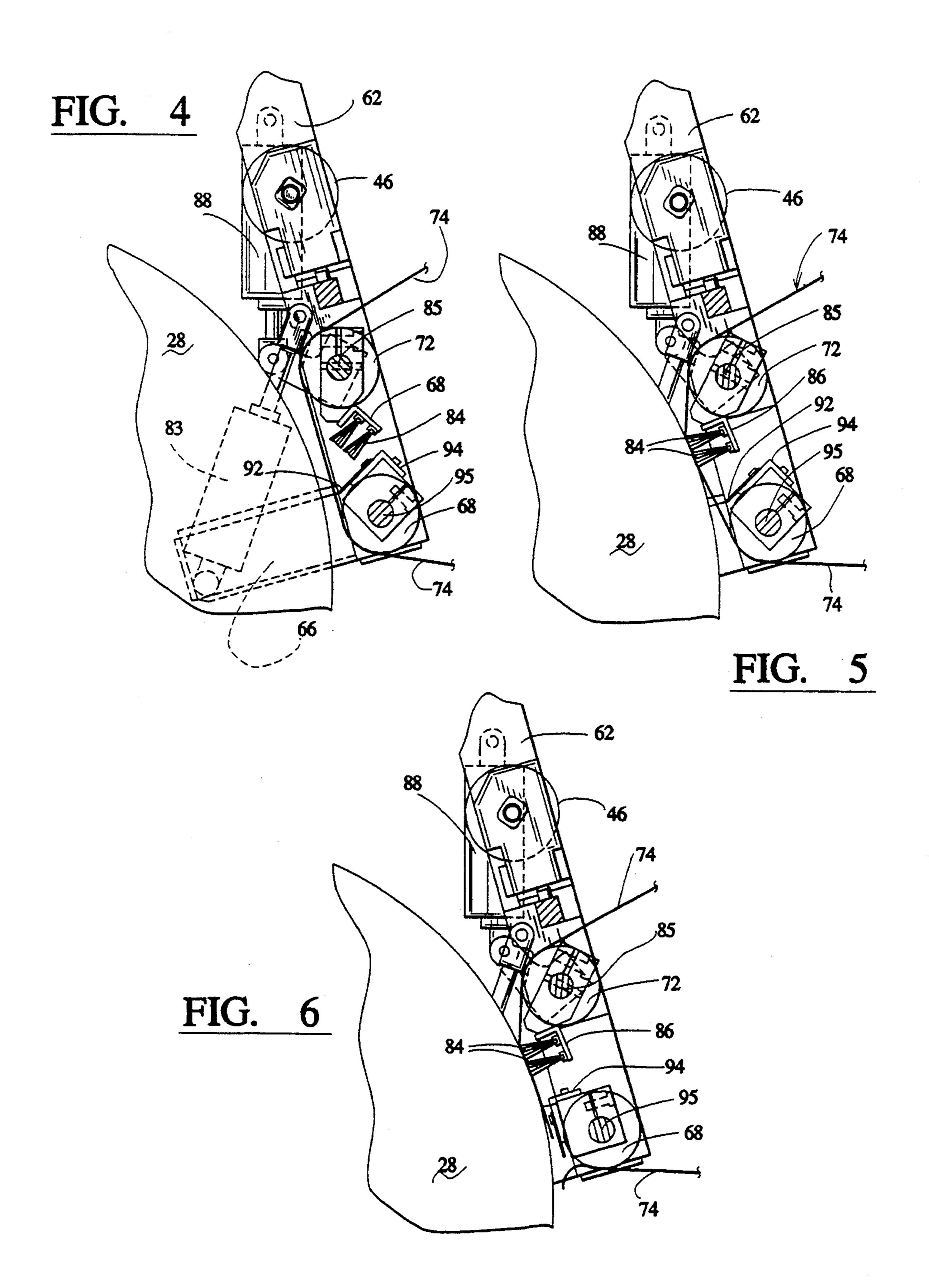


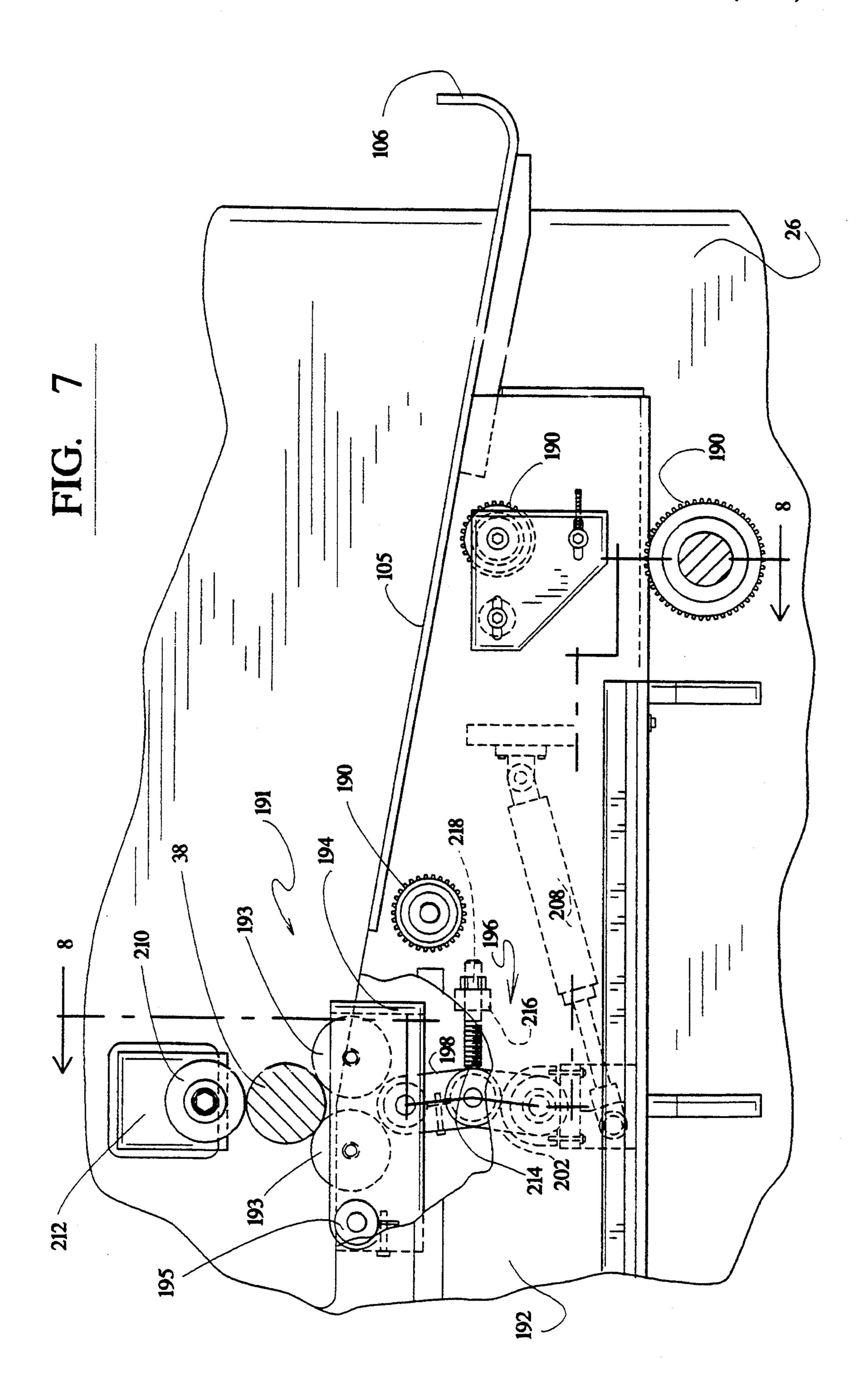


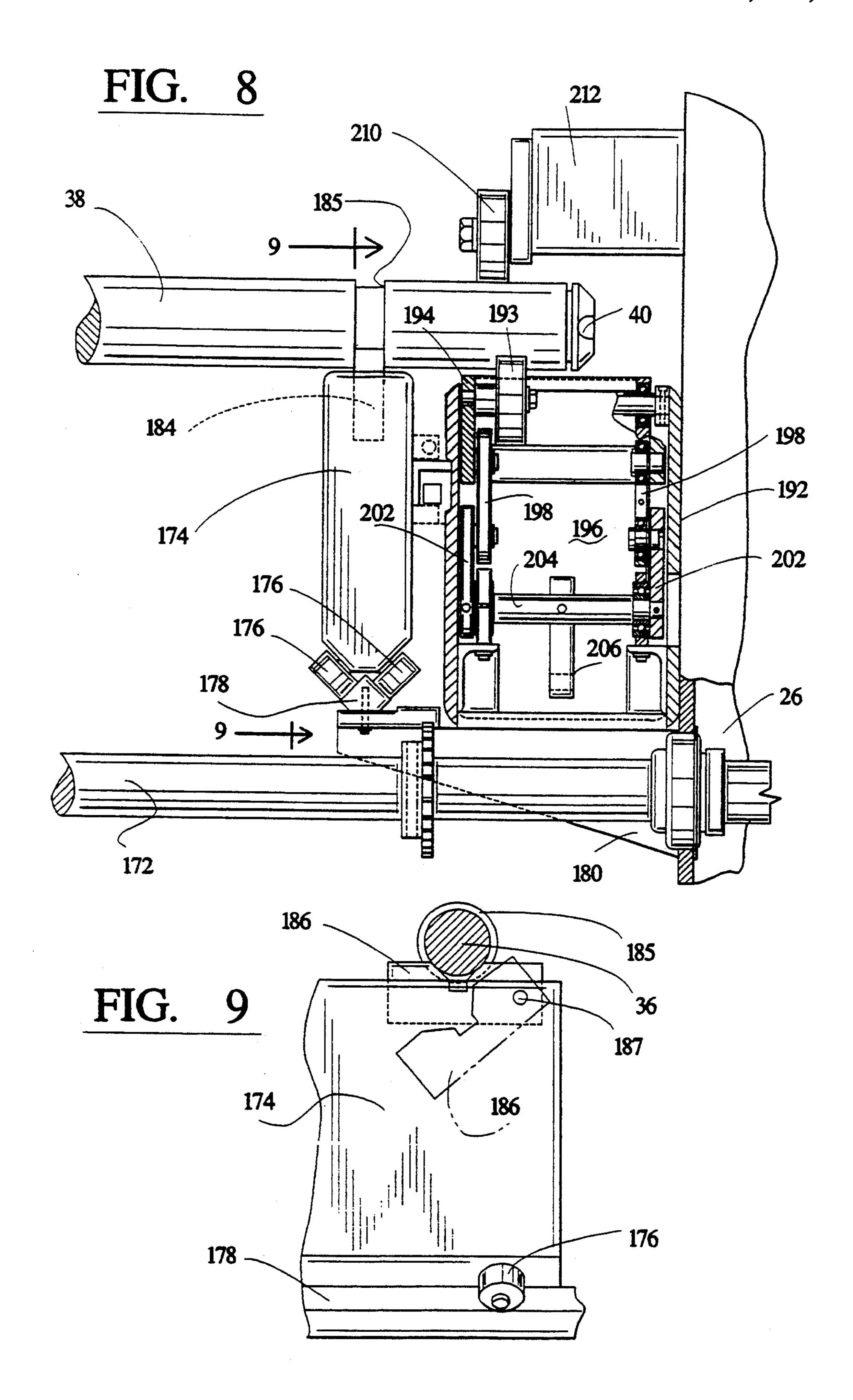


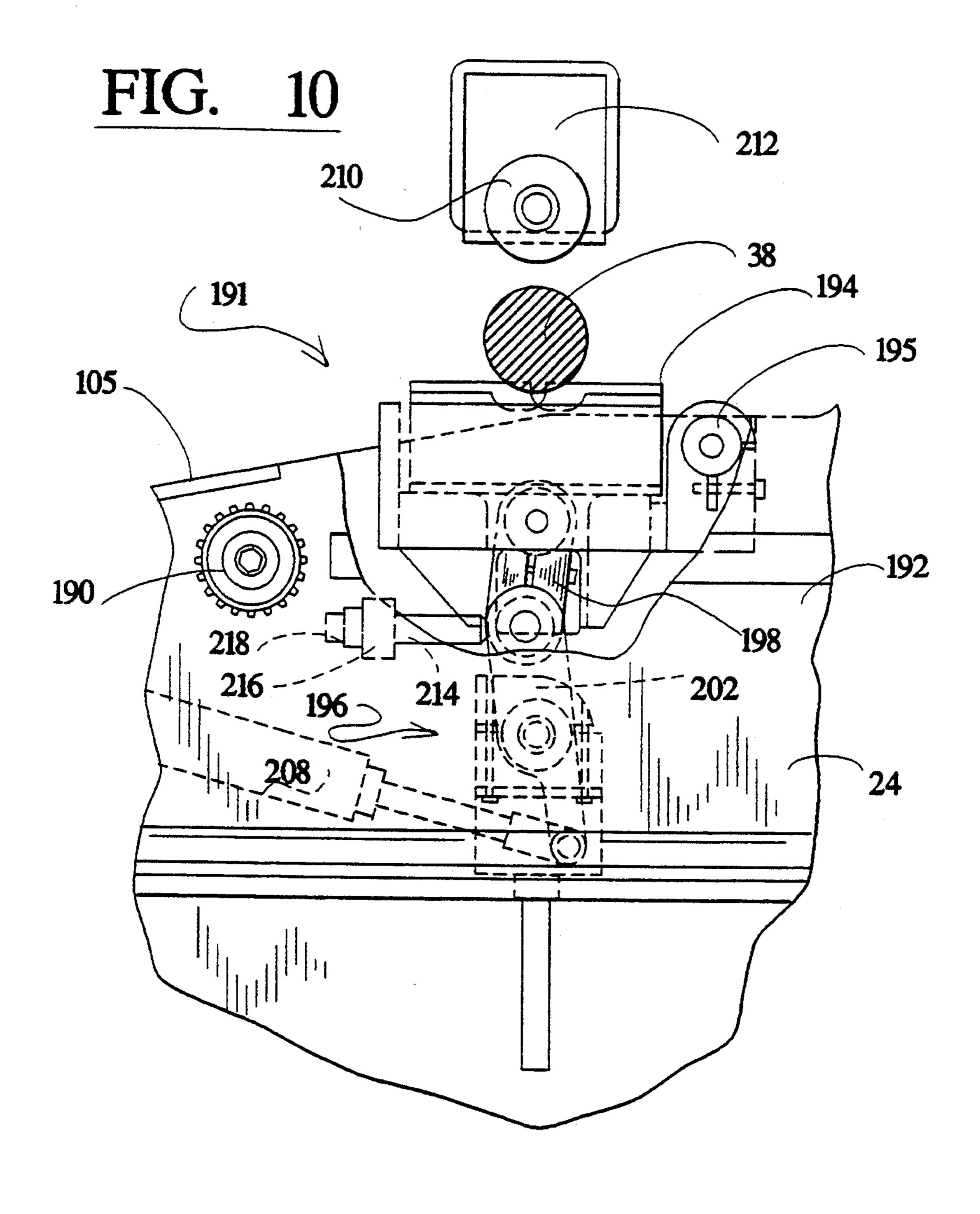
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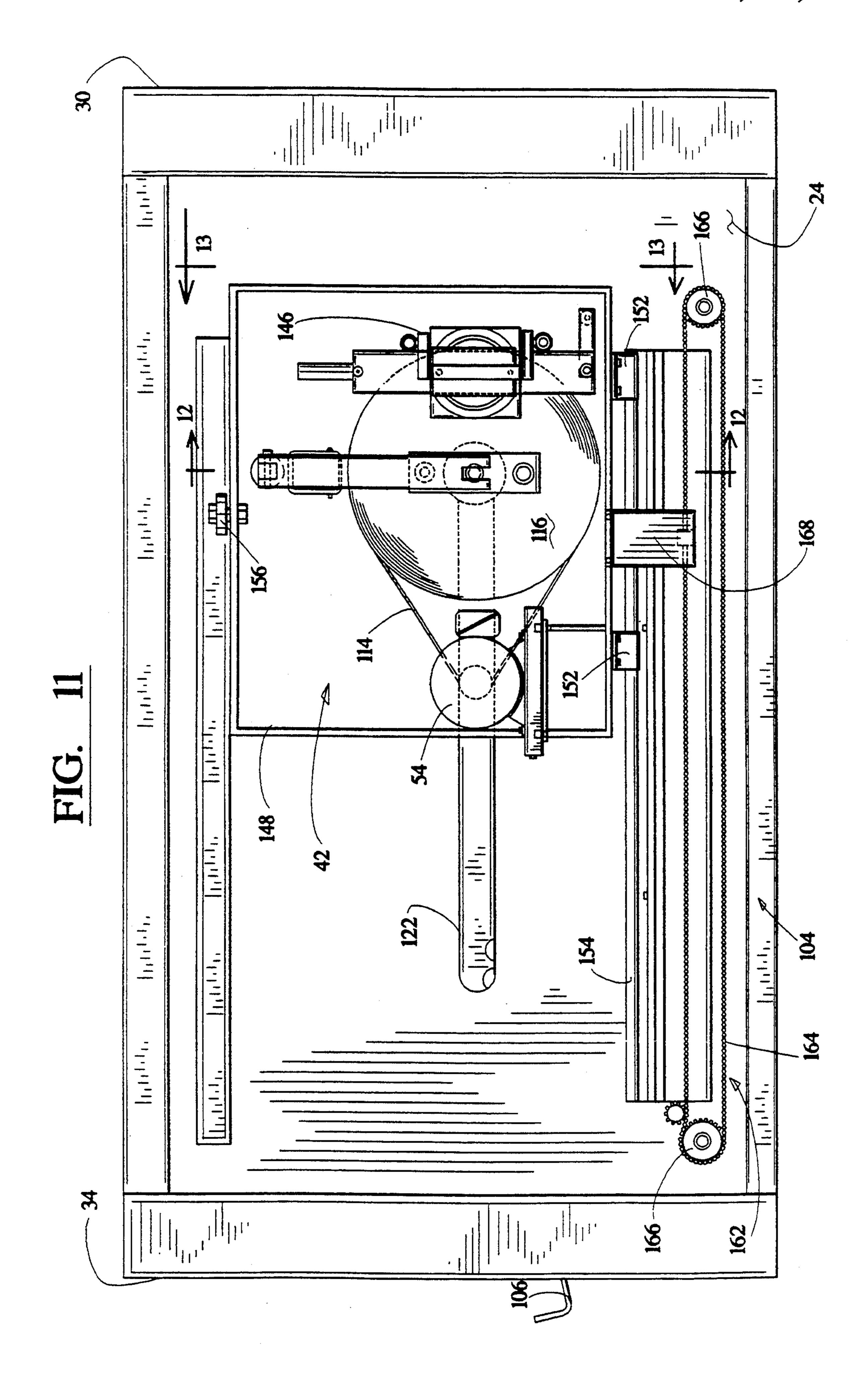












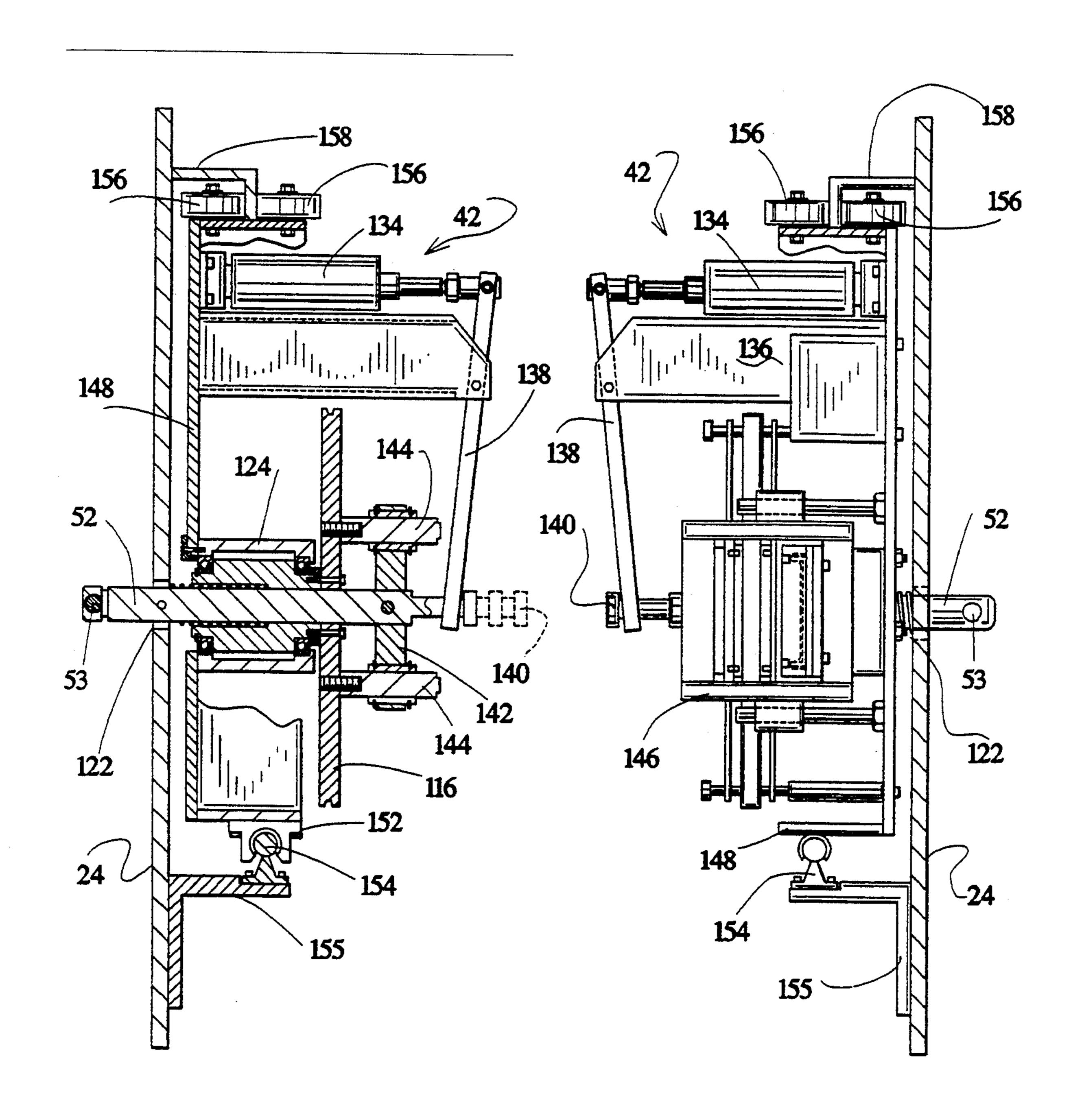
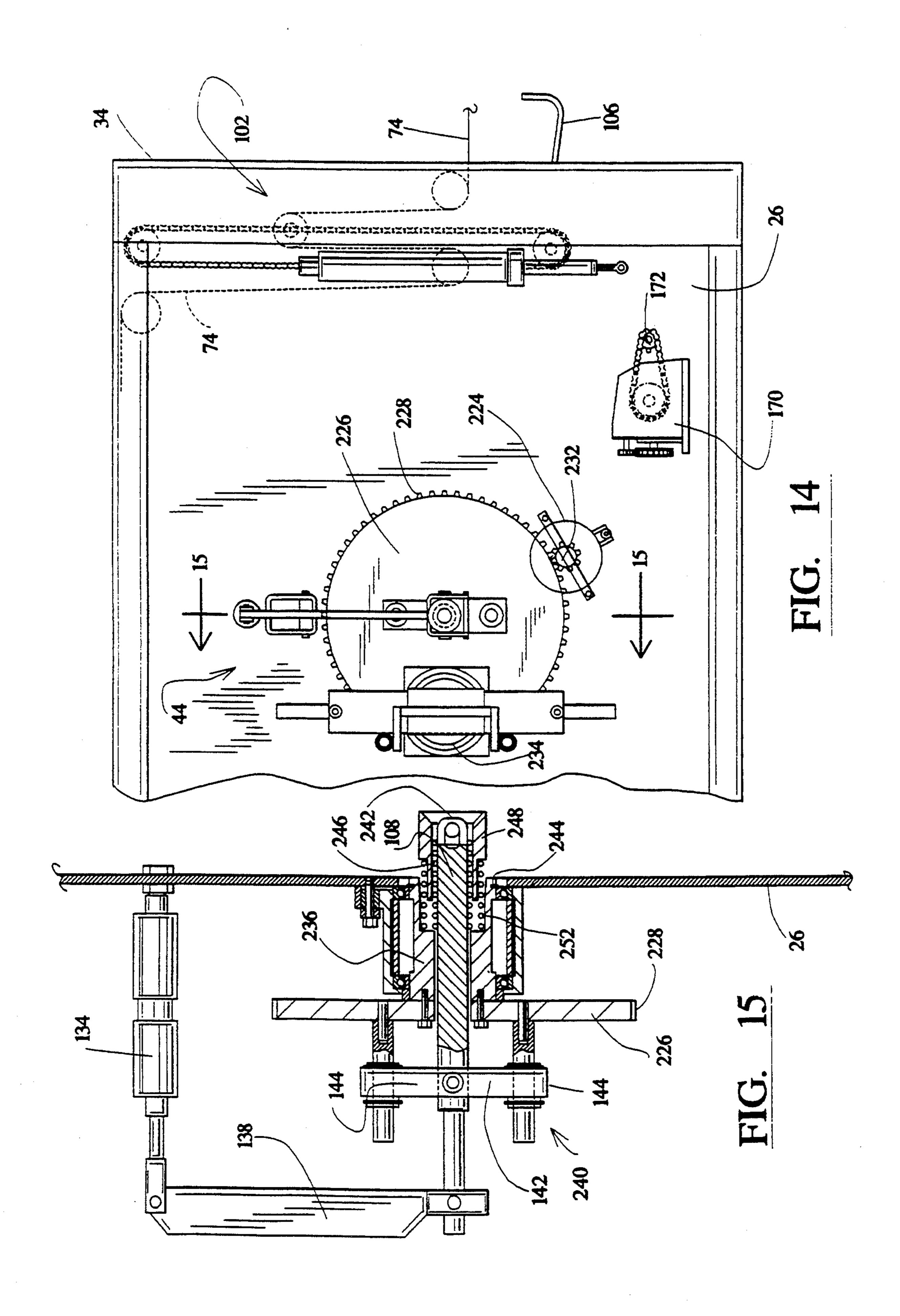


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FIG. 13



FLYING PASTER

This is a divisional application of application Ser. No. 07/935,859, filed Aug. 26, 1992, now abandoned.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a flying paster, and more particularly, to a flying paster used to splice the leading end of a web from a new roll to the trailing end of a web 10 running from a second roll. The splice is made while both rolls are being rotated at running web speed and while the running web is maintained under full brake/tension control.

Various types of flying pasters have been available 15 and used for years in the web handling industry usually as an option or alternative to zero-speed web splicers. Flying pasters have found particular utility in newspaper printing press applications, that is, for splicing rolls of news print stock being fed to newspaper printing 20 presses. In such applications, especially when the printing presses are housed in older buildings where useable floor space is at a premium, the ability to arrange flying pasters in vertical stacks has proved to be a marketable advantage.

In the past, flying pasters have had recognized practical problems which have limited their application and utility. These problems include the need to apply surface belts to the surfaces of the new rolls in order to drive the new rolls up to a speed matching the speed of 30 the running web, and in some instances, to maintain web tension control after a splice. These surface belts have a disadvantage in that they tend to disturb the surface fibers of the web and prevent the use of simple splice preparations, as compared with zero-speed-splicer 35 splice preparations. Indeed, most flying paster splice preparations are relatively complex, requiring the use of tabs, and precluding the use of continuous, straightacross splices achieved by a single strip of transfer adhesive. Additionally, prior commercially available flying 40 pasters have required relatively expensive DC drives or mechanical press connections.

In sum, the concept of a flying paster, that is, splicing webs without stopping the running of the webs, is excellent in theory. Nonetheless, prior attempts to commer-45 cially employ this concept have encountered serious practical drawbacks that have generally relegated the flying paster to a second choice status as compared to zero-speed splicers. The need for an improved flying paster, which would realize the theoretical potential in 50 a practical, work-a-day embodiment, has long been recognized by those working in the web handling industry.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In principal aspects, the improved flying paster of the present invention represents a unique, revolutionary approach that successfully overcomes traditional flying paster problems. Its design maintains a degree of simplicity far beyond that of competitive flying pasters. 60 The creative use of core drive technology eliminates the need for surface drive belts and avoids the need for the more complicated, and expensive, DC drive packages or mechanical press drive connections. A straight across splice preparation also adds to the simplicity and 65 ease of operation of the flying paster of the present invention. Key features of this invention can be applied to many different types or configurations of flying pas-

ters, including side-by-side, turret and stackable versions.

Another significant advantage of the flying paster of the present invention includes its use of two full capacity brake and accelerator assemblies; a moveable one for the new roll, and a fixed one for the running roll. One or the other of these brake and accelerator assemblies is controlled, during all phases of operation, by a single roller, inertia compensated, pneumatically loaded, linear tension control dancer located at the output end of the flying paster. This assures that the unwinding roll is under positive tension control at all times. The moveable brake and accelerator assembly, which is connected with a new roll when it is loaded in the paster, stays with that roll through the entire splicing operation. It is not disconnected from the new roll until the fixed position brake and accelerator assembly has been connected with the new, now-running roll and is ready to control the further operation of that new, now-running roll.

The flying paster of the present invention achieves, in significant part, physical simplicity from its utilization of sophisticated drive software programs to control the brake accelerator assemblies. While other flying pasters have used core acceleration techniques, the present paster is the first, it is believed, to achieve speed matching by the use of a simple three-phase AC motor drive technology.

The physical simplicity of this flying paster offers another, commercially significant advantage. In its stackable version, the flying paster of the present invention can be stacked up to four high in the same space needed to accommodate three stacked, competitive flying pasters.

As a part of the simplicity of the splice preparation, a first strip of high-tack, low-tack adhesive may be applied, either to the undersurface of the leading edge of the leading end or to the new roll surface, one wrap back from the leading edge of the new roll. This first adhesive strip is applied so that it is slightly back from the leading edge, with the low tack side against the body of the roll. Thereafter, the leading end is squarely and tightly wrapped about the body of the new roll and the high-tack, low-tack strip alone holds the leading end securely to the new roll until the splice is made. The use of this high-tack, low-tack adhesive strip assures that the strip will pass through the press with the splice, not one wrap back from the splice which would cause additional waste.

A second transfer adhesive strip or tape is applied to the outer surface of the leading end so as to overlie the high-tack, low-tack adhesive strip and extends across the full width of the leading edge of the leading end of the new roll. This second strip is disposed close to but does not overlap the leading edge.

After the new roll has thus been prepared for splicing, the new roll may be loaded into the flying paster of the present invention. It is there positioned in a splicing position, and the ends of its center core shaft are connected with the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly. The new roll may then be accelerated such that the paster control circuitry can determine the diameter of the new roll, the weight of the new roll, the angle between a predetermined brake impulse and an optically scannable mark, which was made on the new roll during roll splice preparations, the frictional forces involved in the paster and the efficiency of the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly. During this mode,

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a relatively small encoder wheel is brought into contact with the outer peripheral surface of the new roll. After these electronic determinations have been made, the new roll may then be brought to a stop until it is time for that splice to occur.

At the time of the splice, a splicing assembly is used to position the running web adjacent to the outer peripheral surface of the new roll. The movable brake and roll accelerator is actuated to bring the new roll up to a speed which matches the speed of the running web. A 10 set of brushes moves the running web into surface-to-surface contact with the outer peripheral surface of the new web and holds this contact, over substantially an entire revolution of the new roll, so as to give the surfaces time to stabilize. As the transfer tape, which is 15 adhered to the leading end of the new roll, passes beneath the splicing assembly, a knife sub-assembly is actuated and cuts the old web. With the cutting of the web, a splice is achieved.

Prior to the splice, the old web is being withdrawn or 20 unwound from a second roll, which is disposed in an operating or running roll position in the flying paster. The center core shaft of this second roll is connected with the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly. Signals from the inertia-compensated-dancer control, 25 through the paster control circuitry, this fixed assembly so as to maintain the running web under positive tension control at all times.

As soon as the splice has occurred, input signals from the inertia compensated dancer are employed, through 30 the control circuitry, to control the moveable brake and roll accelerator assembly which is connected with the new, now-running roll. Thereafter, the center core shaft of the second roll is disconnected from the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly, and the remainder of 35 the second roll, including its center core shaft, is moved from the operating position to a discharge chute. The new, now-running roll, together with the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly, is then moved from the splicing position to the operating position. Once the 40 new, now-running roll is at that latter position, the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly is accelerated up to a matching speed and is then connected with an end of the center core shaft of the new, now-running roll. After the new roll and the fixed assembly have been 45 connected, the new roll's center core shaft is disconnected from the moveable brake and roll accelerator assembly, and that moveable assembly is returned to its position adjacent the splicing position so as to be ready for the next new roll.

Accordingly, it is a primary object of the present invention to provide an improved flying paster, as described, that overcomes traditional flying paster problems and that presents a genuine, practical alternative to zero speed splicers.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a novel method of preparing a new roll for splicing by the utilization of a high-tack, low-tack adhesive strip, together with a transfer adhesive strip, where the high-tack, low-tack strip is used to hold the leading end of 60 the new roll to the remaining body of the new roll during speed matching prior to the splice and where the transfer strip is used to adhere the leading end of the new roll to the trailing end of the running web at the splice. A related object of the present invention is to 65 provide an improved method for preparing the new roll for splicing as described wherein the diameter of the new roll; the weight of the new roll; the angle between

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a predetermined brake impulse, which is imposed on the new roll by the moveable brake and roll accelerator assembly, and a color mark made on the outer periphery of the new roll adjacent to the leading edge during roll preparation; the frictional forces involved; and the efficiency of the moveable brake and roll accelerator assembly is determined during initial rotation of the new roll.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide an improved flying paster, as described, which has a exceedingly simple, straightforward design, vis-avis competitive, commercially available flying pasters, which uses novel core drive technology, and which maintains positive tension control at all times on the running web.

These and other objects, advantages and benefits of the present invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description of the preferred embodiment of the present invention that may be best understood with reference to the accompanying drawings.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The various figures of the drawings are as follows:

FIG. 1 is a partial, longitudinal, operator side, vertical cross-sectional view of a flying paster embodying the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a partial, left end or roll entry end, elevational view of the flying paster of FIG. 1, with the web rolls removed from the paster;

FIG. 3 is a partial, enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line 3—3 in FIG. 2, and with a new roll being partially shown mounted in the flying paster.

FIG. 4 is a partial, enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line 4—4 in FIG. 2, and with a new roll being shown mounted in the flying paster.

FIG. 5 is a partial, cross-sectional view, similar to that shown in FIG. 4, showing the running web being pressed against the peripheral surface of the new roll;

FIG. 6 is a partial, cross-sectional view, similar to that shown in FIGS. 4 and 5, showing the running web being cut during the splicing operation;

FIG. 7 is a partial, operator side, vertical cross-sectional, view showing the core shaft mounting assembly for the running roll when it is disposed in its operating position;

FIG. 8 is a partial, cross-sectional view taken along the line 8—8 of FIG. 7;

FIG. 9 is a partial, cross-sectional view taken along the line 9—9 in FIG. 8;

FIG. 10 is a partial, cross-sectional view, similar to that shown in FIG. 7, but showing the core shaft mounting assembly for the gear side end of the center core shaft of the running roll;

FIG. 11 is a longitudinal, gear side, elevational view of the flying paster of FIG. 2 showing the movable brake and the roll accelerator assembly in its position adjacent to the splicing position of the new roll;

FIG. 12 is a partial, cross-sectional view taken along the line 12—12 in FIG. 11;

FIG. 13 is a partial, cross-sectional view taken along line 13—13 in FIG. 11;

FIG. 14 is a partial, operator side, elevational view of the flying paster of FIG. 2, showing the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly; and

FIG. 15 is a partial, cross-sectional view taken along the line 15—15 in FIG. 14.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The preferred embodiment of the flying paster in the present invention is illustrated generally at 22. With particular reference to FIG. 2, the flying paster 22 has a gear side or left side wall 24 and an operator side or right, side wall 26. These vertically disposed walls 24 and 26 are spaced apart and are substantially parallel so that they have interior or inner-facing surfaces 25 and 10 exterior or outward-facing surfaces 27. The walls 24 and 26 are supported by a plurality of transverse support members, some of which are generally indicated at 29. The upper and lower ends of the walls are designed so that, the paster 22 can be vertically stacked with 15 other similar pasters if so desired. The spacing between the facing surfaces 25 of these side walls 24 and 26 is sufficient so that conventional rolls of web material, as for example, paper, may be mounted therebetween for rotation during which web material may be unwound 20 from one of the rolls.

As best shown in FIG. 1, a new roll of web material 28 is disposed in a splicing position adjacent to the entry end 30 of the paster 22. Similarly, a second or running roll 32 is disposed in its operating or running roll position adjacent to the exit end 34 of the paster. The rolls 28 and 32 are mounted on steel center core shafts 36 and 38, respectively. These shafts are of conventional design and construction except as otherwise noted hereinbe- 30 42. low. Both ends of each of the shafts 36 and 38 include pin receiving notches 40 (see FIG. 8) so as to enable them to receive a driving pin as hereinafter described. For now, suffice it to say that the center core shaft 36 is adapted to be connected, at its gear side end, with a 35 moveable brake and roll accelerator assembly 42. Similarly, the operator side ends of the center core shafts 36 and 38 are adapted to be connected with a fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly 44.

Prior to being loaded in the paster 22, the new roll 28 should be prepared for a splice. In this regard, the leading edge of the leading end of the new web (that is, the web wound about the new roll 28) should be trimmed square. A single strip of one-half inch wide conventional high-tack, low-tack adhesive is applied, either to the leading edge or to the roll surface one roll wrap back from the leading edge. A high-tack, low-tack adhesive strip, which is preferred, is one marketed by the 3-M Company of St. Paul, Minn. (3M Industrial Specialties Division) product No. 928-100.

One splice preparation sequence, which is simple and effective, is tearing the leading end of the new web using a carpenter's square so as to assure that the web leading edge is straight across its entire width. The leading end of the web is then folded back and a full 55 web width (from side to side) strip of the high-tack, low-tack adhesive is positioned on it, one-eighth of an inch to three-sixteenths of an inch back from the leading edge, with the high-tack side face down, that is, in contact with the inwardly facing surface of the leading 60 end. The leading end of the web of the new roll is then folded back so that the low-tack side of the high-tack, low-tack adhesive strip securely holds the leading edge to the outer peripheral surface of the body of the roll 28. This assures that the high-tack, low-tack adhesive strip 65 will pass through the press with the splice, and not one wrap back from the splice which would cause additional web wastage. Care should be taken that the outer

wraps of the roll are lined up with the side edges of the roll and are pulled taut and square.

A conventional strip of regular, one-inch wide transfer adhesive is then applied across the full width (that is, from side to side) of the new roll as close to but not overlapping, the leading edge as possible. A suitable transfer tape is marketed by North Shore Consultants, Inc. of Chicago, Ill., Tape No. 3765. The backing is removed from the tape, although as with zero-speed splicing, it may be desirable, in dusty environments, not to remove the backing until near the time for a splice.

A conventional black marker pen is used to make a mark or line immediately behind the strip of transfer adhesive. The black mark or line should be made so that it is aligned with an encoder wheel 46, which is part of the paster's splice assembly 48, when the new roll is disposed in the splicing position in the paster 22, as hereinafter described. This black mark is to be tracked by a conventional optical sensor, not shown, mounted on and carried by the encoder wheel 46.

After the new roll 28 has thus been prepared for splicing, it is loaded, by a means of a conventional hoist, not shown, into the paster 22. The hoist may be an integral part of the paster 22 or may be a separate piece of equipment. The hoist will pick up the new roll by the ends of its shaft 36 and place it sufficiently near or at the splicing position so that the shaft 36 may be connected with the moveable brake and roll acceleration assembly 42.

After the new roll 28 is loaded in the flying paster 22, the paster operator may cause the roll 28 to be moved to its final splicing position. As generally shown in FIGS. 12 and 13, a spring biased brake spindle or coupling member 52 of the moveable assembly 42 is caused to be extended so as to be connected with the notched gear side end of the shaft 36. (Specifically a transverse connection pin 53 carried at the distal end of the spindle 52 will engage the notches 40.) An accelerator motor 54, which is part of the assembly 42, is also actuated. This assures that the pin 53 of the spindle 52 properly seats in the notched adjacent end of the core shaft 36 and results in a slow rotation of the new roll 28. As this rotation occurs, the roll 28 is moved forward, toward the end 34, until the roll surface breaks a cross-paster positioning beam, not shown. Once this beam is broken by the roll surface, the roll 28 is inched back toward the end 30, until no point around the circumference of the new roll 28 cuts the beam. Finally, the roll 28 is "kicked" forward to remove any backlash in the roll. The accelerator motor 54 is then shut off and the assembly 42 stops the rotating new roll 28. Roll 28 remains stationary in the splicing position until the splice assembly 48 is lowered from its retracted position, shown to its extended position, shown in FIGS. 2-6. In this latter position, the assembly 48 is positioned adjacent to the outer peripheral surface of the new roll, as best illustrated in FIGS. 3-6.

Referring now to FIGS. 2 and 3, the splice assembly 48 includes two side arms 58 and 62 disposed adjacent to the facing surfaces 25 of the side walls 24 and 26, respectively. These arms are mounted for pivotal movement on and about a cross rod 64 that extends between the side walls 24 and 26. Each of the distal ends of the arms 58 and 62 include a bracket 66 that is perpendicularly disposed, with respect to the longitudinal axis of its arm, and that projects generally toward the end 30 when the assembly is in its extended position.

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A lower idler roller 68 is supported for rotation by the distal ends of the arms 58 and 62. An upper idler roller 72 is similarly supported, at its ends, by the arms 58 and 62, intermediate the ends of the arms 58 and 62. The running web 74 (that is, the web running from the 5 second roll 32) passes about the lower idler roller 68 and then about the upper idler roller 72, as best seen in FIGS. 4-6, so that a portion of the running web passes closely adjacent to a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the new roll 28 when the splice assembly 48 10 is in its extended position.

Conventional double acting fluid cylinders 76 and 78 cause the splice assembly 48 to be lifted between its retracted or upper position and its extended or lower position. The lift cylinders 76 and 78 are mounted on 15 brackets attached to the side walls 24 and 26 and have their rod ends connected with the arms 58 and 62, respectively.

As noted, the splice assembly 48 also includes the encoder wheel 46. It is mounted at one end of an en- 20 coder arm 82. The other end of the arm 82 is mounted on a transverse rod 85 that extends substantially between but is not supported by the arms 58 and 62. The encoder arm 82, and thus the encoder wheel 46, may be pivoted between a first or retracted position where the 25 encoder wheel lies in a plane of the arms 58 and 62 and a second or extended position where the encoder wheel 46 gently rides on the outer peripheral surface of the new roll, as shown in FIG. 3. Actuation of a pair of conventional, double acting fluid cylinders 83 causes 30 the pivotal movement of the encoder wheel 46 between its first and second positions. The rod ends of the encoder cylinders 83 are connected with and support the ends of the encoder rod 85. The other ends of the cylinders 83 are mounted on members that extend laterally 35 from the distal ends of the brackets 66.

The encoder wheel 46 is of conventional design, has a relatively narrow cross-sectional width, particularly when compared with the overall width of the new roll 28, so that its contact with the new roll does not unduly 40 disturb the fibers of the web of the new roll. Mounted adjacent to the encoder wheel is a conventional optical scanner, which as noted above is not shown, for sensing the passage of the black mark or line which is applied to the outer surface of the leading end of the new roll 45 during roll splice preparation.

A brush subassembly including a set of brushes 84, two which are shown, extends from side to side across the new roll 28. The brushes are mounted in a brush carrying bracket 86. This bracket is pivotally mounted 50 on and about a rod 85 extending between the arms 58 and 62 and may be moved from a first position, within the plane of the arms, as shown in FIG. 4, to a second position where the brushes' bristles force the portion of the running web 74 (which is running between the 55 lower and upper idler rollers 68 and 72) against the outer peripheral surface of the new roll 28. Actuation of a conventional, double acting fluid cylinder 88 causes the pivotal movement of the brush bracket 86, and thus the brushes 84, between their first and second positions. 60 This brush cylinder 88 extends between the brush bracket 86 and lateral member carried by the arm 62.

The splice assembly 48 also includes a knife subassembly including a knife 92 that is adapted to cut the running web 74 at the time of a splice. The transverse 65 dimension of the knife 92 is greater than the width of the running web 74. The knife 92 is supported by a knife holding bracket 94 that is pivotally mounted on and

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about the operator side stub shaft 95 of the lower idler roller 68 and between the roller 68 and the arm 62. This knife holder bracket 94 may be moved between a first position where the knife 92 is disposed between the plane of the arms 58 and 62 and a second position wherein it extends beyond this plane, toward the new roll, so as to cut the web 74 running between the lower and upper rollers 68 and 72. Actuation of a conventional, double acting fluid cylinder 96 moves the knife holder bracket 94 between its first and second positions. The knife cylinder 96 extends from lateral member attached to the bracket 94 and a lateral member attached to the arm 58.

As noted above, in a method unique to the flying paster 22, important information about the new roll 28 and the running condition of the paster is collected and determined prior to splicing. This may begin when the splice assembly 48 is lowered to its extended position by actuation of the cylinders 76 and 78. Normally, the paster control circuitry causes this to automatically occur when the running roll 32 reaches a predetermined, sensed diameter. After the splice assembly is thus lowered, the encoder wheel 46 is moved, by actuation of the encoder cylinders 83, into a gentle surfaceto-surface contact with the outer peripheral surface of the new roll. The moveable assembly 42 is then actuated so that the accelerator motor 54 again begins rotating the new roll 28. Using the known torque of the accelerator motor 54, a periodic (that is, once per revolution) probe pulse from the assembly 42, the encoder information, and the signal from the leading edge sensor (that is, the sensing of the black mark behind the second or transfer strip), the paster control circuitry can determine the new roll's diameter, the roll's weight, and the angle between the brake pulse and the leading edge of the web.

Following this acceleration of the roll 28, there is a period of time when the accelerator motor 54 is turned off, and the new roll 28 is allowed to coast. This permits a determination of the system friction. Finally, the brake of the assembly 42 is applied with a known pressure, and its efficiency is measured. Not only does this acceleration and coast provide important information about the new roll 28, it also monitors the condition of the paster 22 so as to permit automatic adjustments for normal wear and tear.

Thereafter, the encoder wheel 46 is moved away from its surface-to-surface contact with the new roll to its retracted position. The encoder wheel is normally not used again during a paster cycle. It could, however, be used to provide speed matching information if low speed splicing were desired.

A second, conventional encoder, not shown, is mounted on one of the exit idler rollers 98 in the paster adjacent to its exit end 34. This second encoder is used to provide running web speed information to the paster control circuitry.

The paster control circuitry can calculate when speed matching can begin using the control signal from the second encoder, the operator—set roll—32 splice diameter (that is, the diameter of the roll 32 at which splicing is to begin), and the information determined during the initial acceleration. Because nothing is touching the outside surface of the new roll 28 during this time period, there is no reason or need to have the roll 28 accelerated rapidly to a match speed. This allows the use of small (that is, a one horsepower) accelerator motor 54 in the roll acceleration phase.

When a speed match occurs (that is, when the speed of the new roll 28 matches the speed of the running web 74), and the running roll 32 reaches its pre-set splice diameter, the splicing operation may commence. The specific timing of the splice is made with reference to 5 the periodic brake pulse signal and its previously measured angle with the leading edge of the new roll. This information determines the time of firing of the brushes 84 (that is, moving the brushes 84 from their retracted position shown in FIG. 4 to their extended position 10 shown in FIG. 5) so that they press the running web 74 against the surface of the new roll immediately after the leading edge has passed underneath the brushes. This provides almost one full revolution of the new roll during which contact occurs between the two webs. 15 This web-to-web contact, tends to stabilize them with each other before the running web contacts at the second or transfer adhesive strip.

The known position of the leading edge is used to "fire" the knife 92 (that is, pivot the knife between its 20 FIG. 5 retracted position and its FIG. 6 extended position) so that the knife cuts or severs the running web 74. The parameters controlling the timing of the firing of the knife 92 are determined by the paster control circuitry to control the length of the spliced "tail", so that 25 it remains constant regardless of the speed of the old running web 74.

Up until the time of the actual splice, the second running roll 32 is operating under the control of the fixed brake and brake acceleration assembly 44. The 30 operation of this assembly 44 is, in turn, controlled by a signal received from a conventional dancer 102 in the sense that the dancer 102 includes the second encoder mentioned above. This dancer is disposed at the exit end 34 of the paster 22, and the running web 74 passes 35 through it as the web exits from the paster. The dancer 102 is a single roller, inertia compensated, pneumatically loaded linear dancer. The dancer control signal is switched, by the paster control circuitry, from the assembly 44 to the assembly 42 at the time of the splice. 40 The use of this dancer control signal to control the assembly 44—while the web 74 is unwinding from the second roll 32—and to control the assembly 42—after the splice—assures that the unwinding roll, regardless of whether it is roll 28 or roll 32, is under positive ten- 45 sion control at all times.

After a splice has been made, the paster control circuitry causes the fixed assembly 44 to be disconnected from the center core shaft 38 of the expired second roll 32. The splice assembly 48 is also lifted to its retracted 50 or parked position as shown in FIG. 1.

A roll-transfer drive assembly 104 is then switched on, by the paster control circuitry, so as to move both rolls 28 and 32 forward toward the exit end 34 of the paster 22. As a result, the expired roll 32, or more par-55 ticularly, the center core shaft 38 and whatever web material still remains wound about it, drops or slides down a ramp 105 and into a removal trough 106 as hereinafter explained in more detail. The new, now-running roll 28 continues to move forward until it reaches 60 the operating position and is aligned with the fixed brake assembly 44, more particularly with the brake output spindle 108 of that assembly 44.

The fixed brake assembly 44 is then accelerated so that the speed of the spindle 108 matches the speed of 65 the new, now-running roll 32. At this point, the paster control circuitry causes the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly's spring loaded brake connection (as

hereinafter described) to connect the assembly 44 with the notched, operator side end of the center core shaft 36. Thereupon, the control signal from the dancer 102 is again switched, by the paster control circuitry, from the assembly 42 to the assembly 44 and thereafter used to control the operation of the assembly 44. (And the dancer signal ceases to control the operation of the moving assembly 42.) The paster control circuitry causes the moving assembly 42 to be disconnected from the gear side end of the shaft 36 by the retraction of the spring loaded spindle 52. Then the assembly 42 is moved back, adjacent to the splicing position, near the entry end 30 of the paster 22, to await the positioning of the next new roll.

As best shown in FIGS. 11-13, the moveable brake and roll accelerator assembly 42 includes, as noted above, the conventional AC electric motor 54 that drives or rotates, via a "V" belt 114, a conventional single brake disc 116. The centrally disposed brake spindle 52 projects through an elongated opening 122 in the side wall 24. The brake disc 116 and spindle 52 are mounted for rotation on a conventional brake hub assembly 124. The distal end of the spindle 52, as noted above, projects into the interior space between the side walls 24 and 26. It includes a transverse drive pin 53 which is adapted to engage the notches 40 in the adjacent, gear side end of the center core shaft 36 of a new roll 28.

The distal end of the spindle 52 is adapted to be, as noted above, moved between a first or projected position, where the drive pin 53 may engage the notches 40, and a second or retracted position where the distal end does not project far enough into that interior space so that the pin 53 does not engage the notches 40. The brake hub 124 includes a central recess. A coil compression spring 132 is disposed within that recess and biases the spindle 52 to its projected position.

The actuation of a conventional, double acting fluid cylinder 134 causes the spindle 52 to move between its retracted and projected positions. The cylinder 134 is mounted on a bracket 136. The rod end of the cylinder 134 is connected with one end of an elongated arm 138, which is pivoted, intermediate its ends, on the outward-facing end of the bracket 136. The other end of the arm 138 is connected with the outward-facing end 140 of the spindle 52. Thus, actuation of the cylinder 134 causes the arm 138 to pivot, and this, in turn, causes the spindle 52 to move between its retracted and projected positions.

The end 140 of the spindle 52 is fixed to a cross member 142 whose outer ends are supported by conventional Thomson linear bearings 144. These bearings 144 are, in turn, supported on the outside surface of the brake disc 116 and project perpendicularly outwardly from the face of the brake disc. The bearings 144 guide and facilitate the movement of the spindle 52 with respect to the brake disc 116 and brake hub 124.

A conventional, double caliber brake mechanism 146 is mounted adjacent to the peripheral edge of the brake disc 116 and diametrically opposite from the motor 54. The mechanism 146 functions, in a conventional manner, to brake the rotation of the disc 116, the spindle 52 and thus the new roll 28. Its operation is controlled by the paster control circuity as described herein.

The mechanism 146 is mounted on a wall of a box-like structure 148 in a conventional manner. The other components of the assembly 42 are also mounted, in a conventional manner, on this structure 148.

A plurality of Thomson bearings 152 are used to support the lower end of the structure 148 on a conventional Thomson linear bearing rod 154 so that the structure 148 (and thus the assembly 142) may slide and be carried along the bearing rod 154. The rod 154 is 5 mounted on brackets 155 on the side wall 24 and adjacent to the outwardly facing surface of that wall. The length of the rod 154 is selected so that it is longer than the distance between the splicing position and operating position of the rolls 28 and 32. The longitudinal axis of 10 the rod 154 is parallel to the plane of the adjacent side wall 24.

The side wall opening 122 is, as noted, elongated and its longitudinal axis is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the rod 154. Like the rod 154, the length of this opening 15 122 is longer than the distance between the rolls' splicing and operating positions so that its one end, adjacent to the entry end 30, overlies the splicing position while its other end, adjacent to the exit end 34, overlies the operating position.

To facilitate movement of the structure 148, and thus the assembly 42, along the rod 154, a pair of bearing rollers 156 cooperate with the depending leg of a L-shaped flange 158. The other leg of the L-shaped flange 158 is secured to the side wall 24. The bearing rollers 25 156 are mounted for rotation on the upper surface of the structure 148.

The roll-transfer drive assembly 104 includes a carriage assembly 162 which is best shown in FIG. 11. The assembly 162 is utilized to move the structure 148 and 30 thus the movable assembly 42 between its first position, adjacent to the splicing position of the new roll, and its second position, adjacent to the operating position of the running roll. This assembly 162 comprises an endless chain 164 and a plurality of drive and idler sprock- 35 ets, two of which are shown at 166 in FIG. 11. A carrier 168 is secured, at its lower end, to the chain 164. The upper end of the carrier 168 is connected with the lower end of the structure 148. A conventional electric motor 170, as shown in FIG. 14, is connected, via a chain 40 drive, with the sprocketed end of a cross-paster timing and drive shaft 172. The motor 170 is utilized to drive the chain 164, and the chain 164, in turn, moves the structure 148, and thus the assembly 42, in a conventional manner along the Thomson rod 154.

Referring particularly to FIGS. 1, 8 and 9, each end of shaft 36 is supported for rotation by a shaft carrier 174. Each of these carriers is structurally and functionally the same, and hence, only one will be described in detail. More specifically, each of the carriers 174 has a 50 plurality of roller bearings 176 mounted adjacent to its lower end. They cooperate with and roll along an elongated guide 178 that is supported by brackets 180 attached to the side wall, as shown in FIGS. 2 and 8. The guides 178 are parallel to the longitudinal axis of the rod 55 154, and extend along the side walls from near the entry end 30 to near the exit end 34 of the paster 22.

Each of the carriers 174 has, adjacent to its upper end, two spaced apart, side-by-side rollers 184. These rollers 184 are mounted for rotation about their axes 60 which are perpendicular to the axis of its associated guide 178 and parallel to the longitudinal axis of the shaft 36.

Grooves 185 are machined adjacent to each end of the center core shafts and are spaced, along their axes, 65 so that the grooves 185 are aligned with the carriers 174, and more particularly, with the rollers 184 mounted on the carriers 174. Each of the rollers 184 has

a width that will let them be received in and ride in a groove 185 as shown in FIGS. 8 and 9.

A pair of rollers 184 is mounted, side by side, in a support bracket 186. The two rollers 184 are spaced a distance apart in a bracket 186 such that the center core shaft 36 can be sit therebetween as illustrated in FIG. 8.

The support bracket 186 and the rollers 184 are maintained in its horizontal position during the time that the rollers support the shaft 36. They are moved to a substantially vertical position after the roll 28 arrives at the operating position. For this reason, one end 187 of each bracket 186 is pivotally connected with its associated carrier 174 such that the rollers can be moved from their horizontal position to a generally vertical position, as shown generally in FIG. 9, where the rollers are no longer disposed within the groove 185. The movement of the bracket 186 between its horizontal and vertical positions is controlled by a conventional double-acting fluid cylinder, not shown, which is actuated by the paster control circuitry.

The roll-transfer drive assembly 104 also includes a pair of endless chains 189, one of which is shown in FIG. 1. These chains 189 extend from adjacent the entry end 30 to adjacent the exit end 34 of the paster 22 and are disposed near the side walls 24 and 26. They are connected with and driven by the drive shaft 172 and thus the motor 170. A plurality of drive and idler sprockets 190 support the chains 189. Each chain 189 is connected with its adjacent carrier 174 and serves to move that carrier, and the shaft 36, between the splicing and operating positions. Since chains 164 and 189 are "tied" together by the shaft 172, the carriers 174 and the structure 184 (and the assembly 42) are always moved together.

The ends of the center core shaft 38 are similarly mounted for rotation in the paster 22. Specifically, each end of the shafts 38 is supported by a fixed core shaft holder assembly 191 that is mounted on the paster near the inside-facing surfaces of the side walls 24 and 26.

40 Each assembly 191 includes a housing 192 supported on the side wall and located between the side wall and the adjacent guide 178. The assemblies 191 are structurally and functionally similar. Accordingly, only the assembly 191, adjacent the operator side (as shown in FIGS. 7 and 8), will be described in detail, and the same reference numbers will be used for the same components in the assembly 191 (see FIG. 10) mounted on the gear side of the paster.

More specifically, a pair of spaced apart, side-by-side rollers 193 are mounted for rotation in a support bracket 194 in the assembly 191. The axes of the rollers 193 are parallel to each other and to the axes of the center core shafts. Like the rollers 184, the rollers 193 are normally disposed horizontally and are spaced apart sufficiently that the shaft 38 (or at times, the shaft 36) may be supported for rotation therebetween as shown in FIG. 7.

To assist in assuring that the shaft 38 stays supported on the rollers 193, during the unwinding of the roll 32, a stationary roller 210 is mounted above the shaft 38 and the rollers 193 at each end of the shaft 38. These rollers 210 are mounted for rotation on a flange 212 that is connected with the adjacent side wall.

The end 195 of the bracket 194, which is adjacent to the entry end 30, is pivotally connected with the housing 192 so that the bracket, and thus the rollers 193, can be moved between their normal horizontal position and a substantially vertical position. As best illustrated in FIGS. 7 and 8, the bracket 194 is supported in its hori-

zontal position by an over-the-center toggle sub-assembly 196. This sub-assembly comprises a first pair of spaced apart members 198 which are connected, at their one ends, with the bracket 194 near its midsection, as viewed in FIG. 7. The other ends of this first pair of 5 members 198 are pivotally connected with the one ends of a second pair of members 202. These second members 202 are, in turn, connected at their other ends with a cross shaft 204. One end of an actuator arm 206 is secured to the shaft 204 adjacent its midpoint. The other 10 end of the arm 206 is connected with the rod end of a conventional double acting fluid cylinder 208 which, in turn, is supported at its other end by the paster 22. The operation of the cylinder 208 is controlled by the paster control circuitry.

A threaded bolt 214 extends through a thread bore in a member 216 that is secured to the side wall. A projecting end of the bolt 214 is disposed adjacent to the joined ends of the first and second members 198 and 202 when they are in their upright positions, as shown in FIGS. 7 20 and 8, and serves to limit the degree that these joined ends can rotate toward the exit end 34. A threaded nut 218 permits an adjustment of the length of the projecting end of the bolt 214.

Starting from the positions shown in FIGS. 7 and 8, 25 retraction of the cylinder 208 causes a counter-clockwise (as shown in FIG. 7) rotation of the cross shaft 204 and thus the members 202. Such counter-clockwise rotation of the second members 202, causes the bracket 194 to pivot downwardly, about the end 195, so that the 30 rollers 193 are moved to their generally vertical position. When the rollers 193 are so moved, the shaft 38 may then slide or drop forward out from between the rollers 193 and down the incline ramp 105. As noted above, the discharge shoot 106 is at the exit end of the 35 ramp 105 and serves to catch and hold the shaft 38 for later removal from the paster.

After the shaft 38 has been thus removed from the operating position, the roll transfer drive assembly 104 moves the shaft 36, and the accompanying new roll 28, 40 to the operating position. Thereafter, the cylinder 208 is extended so that the members 198 and 202 are returned to their vertical positions, as shown in FIG. 7, so that the bracket 194 and the rollers 193 resume their horizontal position and so that the rollers 193 support the 45 ends of the shaft 36.

After the shaft 36 is supported by the rollers 193, the paster control circuitry actuates the cylinders associated with the brackets 186 so as to move the brackets and the rollers 186 from their horizontal position to 50 their vertical positions. When the brackets 186 are thus moved, the rollers 184 no longer support or contact the shaft 36 and the carriers 174 (as well as the assembly 42)

are ready to be moved from the operating position to the splicing position.

The fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly 44, as shown in FIGS. 14 and 15, is mounted on the operator side, side wall 26 and includes a conventional AC brake accelerator electric motor 224. As noted above, the horsepower of this motor 224 may be quite small, as for example, one horsepower, because in the paster 22, a delay in accelerating the assembly 44 up to web running speed does not present a problem due to the fact that during this acceleration, the running web is always under the control of the movable assembly 42.

The assembly 44 also includes a conventional brake disc 226 which has been modified by machining a plu15 rality of conventional spur gear teeth 228 about its outer peripheral edge. These teeth 228 are adapted to mesh with a spur gear 232 mounted on and rotated by the output shaft of the motor 224. A conventional double caliber brake mechanism 234 is mounted adjacent to the side peripheral edge of the brake disc 226. The brake disc 226 is mounted on a conventional brake hub 236 which is substantially identical to the hub 124. As noted above, the spindle 108, like the spindle 52, rotates with the brake disc 226 and may additionally be moved, in a 25 direction parallel to its longitudinal axis, between a retracted position and an extended position.

A sub-assembly 240 which causes such longitudinal movement of the spindle 108 is similar in construction and operation to that used to move the spindle 52. For that reason, a further description of this sub-assembly 240 is not believed to be needed and similar reference numerals have been used to identify the similar parts.

The distal end 242 of the spindle 108 projects through a circular opening 244 in the side wall 26. The distal end 242 has a drive pin which is adapted to fit in the notches 40 in the ends of the shafts 36 or 38. Like the spindle 52, the spindle 108 is biased by a coil compression spring 246 to its extended position. The distal end 242 of the spindle 108 may also include an annular collar member 248 which is likewise spring biased away from the hub 236 by a coil compression spring 252. The collar facilitates connecting the distal end 242 with the notched ends of the shafts.

The paster control circuitry includes a Motorola microcontroller chip, identified by the Motorola No. 68 HC 11 D 3, and manufactured by the Motorola Corporation of Schaumburg, Ill. This chip is used with a printed circuit board having conventional components. The following copyrighted programs (that is, the RTX/PLC program HEX file, application program HEX file, and ladder program HEX file and PLC interpreter source code file) are used by the paster control circuitry to control the paster 22:

RTK/PLC Program

HEX file

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; service routines

plcbit subd #\$0001

:10BE90004B16421E0910C9144A16421E0710C91635

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:10BEA0004F144E1E0E10C9144F144D1E0C10C916FF
:10BEB0004A164616421E0310C91446164272310035
:ODBEC000001E0010431F802036510000FFBF
:0000001FF
      PLC Interpreter Surce Code
       constants
11 frs
        equ 512
                    framesize
11 nb equ 512
                  number of bits total
        equ 256
                  ; number of relays
  MY
        equ 128
   ntc
                    number of variables
ll nio equ 48
                ; number of ios
; ladder static variables
ly data equ 00
lv bits equ lv data
lv rlys equ lv bits ; relay bits
ly tcds equ ly rlys+11 nry/8 ; tc done bits
ly ters equ ly teds+11 ntc/16; te rung bits
lv ios equ lv tcrs+11 ntc/16; io/system bits
ly free equ ly ios+11 nio/8; unused bits
ly work equ ly bits+11 nb/8; scratch space for interpreter
lv sign equ lv work ; signal
lv acc equ lv work+1; accumulator
lv c01 equ lv work+3; .01s clock
ly tol equ ly work+4; .01s ticker
lv pl0 equ lv work+5; .10s partial
lv t10 equ lv work+6; .10s ticker
ly bump equ ly work+7; can be tick or count
ly temp equ ly work+8; 4b for scratch
lv eow equ lv work+12 ; end of work space
ly crits equ ly eow ; words of tcy counters
ly eof equ ly cmts+11 ntc*2; end of frame
lv end equ lv data+ll frs
lv size equ lv end-lv data
lv chk equ lv size-lv eof
ll iol equ mm iol ; bases for ios
11 io2 equ mm io2
ll pa equ mm iopa ; port a data
ll pac equ mm ioca ; port a control
ll pb equ mm iopb; port b data
11 pbc equ mm iocb; port b control
11 ddb equ $04 ; dd control bit
lp plen equ 0 ; length of prefix
lp conf equ 4 ; config bits
; use Jutput compare timer for .01 s increments
plc tick equ #200000; 20K e is .010 s
plc ticker
  1dd #plc_tick
  addd ir tocl
  std ir tocl
  ldx PLC
  inc lv c01,x
  bclr ir tflg1,$7f
  rti
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jmp lo bit
                ; addr, mask into y,b
plcvar decb
                  ; addr in y
  clra
            ; d is to number
  asld
            ; times two
  addd #1v_cnts ; plus offset
  addd PLC ; plus frame start
  xgdy
   rts
plcfor ldx PLC ; force outputs
  ldd lv ios,x
   ldy lv ios+2,x
   ldx #11 iol
                  for pia 1
  staa ll_pa,x
       11 pb,x
  stab
  xgdy
  ldx #11 io2 ; for pia 2
  staa 11 pa,x
  stab 11 pb,x
  rts
; service routines
; main entry for task
plc entry
  allocate statics stack frame
         ; get starting stack address
  tsx
  xgax
 subd #lv_size ; adjust down for stack frame
  xgdx; maintain x as frame pointer
  stx PLC
; initialize static varibles
  ldy #1v size+1
  clra
 staa 0,x
  inx
  dey
  bne :-1
  ldx PLC
  ldab #$01 ; set mcr on
  stab lv ios+5,x; at bit 40
; start output compare ticker
  ldd #plc_ticker
 std rtxVectors+sv tol
 bset ir tmskl, mr_ocli
 std ir tocl
; initialize dd regs
 ldx applu ; get config from prefix
 ldy applcBase, x
 ldaa lp_plen,x
 bpl:+1 ; length>127 is invalid
 ldaa #$31
 jmp flasher ; code .. no ladder loaded
: ldd lp_conf,y ; a,b ddr
 ldx PLC
 std lv ios,x ; set all op hi
 ldx #ll iol ; pia l
 bset ll_pac,x,ll_ddb; to data bits
 bset 11 pbc,x,11 ddb
 staa 11 pa,x ; for initial value
 stab 11 pb,x
 bclr 11 pac, x, 11 ddb; then to dd bits
 bclr 11 pbc,x,11 ddb
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staa ll_pa,x
 stab 11 pb,x
      ll_pac,x,ll_ddb; now back to data
 bset 11 pbc, x, 11 ddb
  ldd lp_conf+2,y
 ldx PLC
 std lv ios+2,x ; set all op hi
  ldx #11 io2 ; now pia 2
 bset 11_pac,x,11_ddb
      11 pbc,x,11 ddb
      ll pa,x
  staa
      ll pb,x
  stab
      11 pac, x, 11 ddb
 bclr ll_pbc,x,ll_ddb
      ll pa,x
  staa
      11 pb,x
  stab
      ll_pac,x,ll ddb
 bset
      11 pbc,x,11 ddb
 bset
plc set
; set hardware from out bits
  jsr plcfor
plc top
; set in bits from hardware
  ldx #11 io2 ; add ip bits
  ldaa 11_pa,x
  ldab 11 pb,x
 xgdy
  ldx #11 iol
  ldaa 11 pa,x
  ldab 11 pb,x
 lax PLC
 std lv ios,x ; in 01..16 for now
 sty lv ios+2,x; in 17..32 for now
; set time tickers
 clrb
 sei
 ldaa lv cOl,x ; ticks since last scan
 stab lv c01,x
 cli
 staa lv t01,x ; is .01 ticker
 adda lv p10,x ; and part of .10 partial
: suba #10 ; as long as partial has a full .10
 bcs :+1
 incb ; then show in .10 ticker
 bra :-1
: adda #10 ; then save rest in partial
 staa lv_pl0,x
 stab lv tl0,x
  ldx applu ; x is op pointer
  ldx apPLCBase,x; start at beginning
  ldab lp_plen,x ; length of prefix
  abx
plc_cycle
; stx temp
 ldd 0,x; next op
 bmi plc set ; >$7f is end of ladder
 bita #$f0
               ; $00..0f are one byte ops
 beq lo lb
 bita #$c0
               ; $10..3f are two bytes
 beg lo 2b
  cmpa #$70
               ; $40..6f are three bytes
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bcs lo 3b
10 4b 1dy 2,x
              ; get constant
  īnx
         ; bump to next op
  inx
  inx
  inx
  pshx
           ; nextop is deepest
           ; data is next
  pshy
           ; to number on top
  pshb
  ldx #j_4b ; figure address of process
lo_go tab
  abx.
  ldab
       0,x
  abx
  jmp 0,x
lo 3b ldy l,x ; get whatever
  ldab #3; bump to next op
  abx
        ; nextop is deepest
 pshx
       ; data on top
  pshy
  ldx #j 3b4 ; $4x ops
  bita #$10
 beq lo_go
            ; $5x ops
 1dx #j_3b5
 bra lo go
lo 2b inx ; bump to next op
  inx
 pshx ; nextop is deepest
           ; $3x is math t.b
  cmpa #$30
 bcc lo 2b3
  jsr lo bit ; bit in d to addr, mask
 pshb; is mask, addr in y
  ldx #j_2b ; figure address of process
 bra lo go
lo 2b3 psha ; stash op
 clra ; d is to number
 asld ; times two
 addd #lv_cnts ; plus offset
 addd PLC ; plus frame start
       ; leave in here for put
 xgdy
 pula ; get op back
 adda #$10 ; and make it into $4x
 1dx 0,y; get contents of to
 pshx; to make it look like $4x
 1dx #j_3b4 ; $4x ops
 bra lo go
lo lb inx; Lump to next op
 pshx
 ldx #j_lb ; and go do it
 bra lo go
; bit number in D, get addr and mask in y,b
lo bit pshb : 0000 000a aaaa abbb
 lsrd
           ; 0000 0000 aaaa aabb
 1srb
           ; 0000 0000 0aaa aaab
 1srb
           ; 0000 0000 00aa aaaa
 ldy PLC; point y to byte
 aby
 pulb
        ; get bit mm back for mask
 andb #$07
 ldx #lo_masks
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abx
  ldab
       0,x
  rts
lo masks db 1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128
; one byte ops:
   stack is nextOp.w
j lb equ *
    le_push-*
     le_pullor-*
     le_push-*
     le_pulland-*
     le timeOl-*
     le time10-*
     le_countup-*
     le mcr-*
     le am-*
  ab
     le btd-*
  db
     le dtb-*
     le quad-*
le push
  ldx PLC
 ldaa lv_sign,x ; push current signal
 pulx
 psha
 jmp plc_cycle
le pullor
  1dy PLC
 pulx
 pula
           ; or saved signal
 oraa lv_sign,y; with current
      lv_sign,y
  staa
 jmp plc_cycle
le pulland
  1dy PLC
 pulx
          ; and saved signal
 pula
 anda lv sign,y; with current
 staa lv sign, y
 jmp plc cycle
le timeOl
  1dx PLC
  ldaa lv t01,x ; is number of ticks
 bra le tstb
le timel0
  1dx PLC
  ldaa lv tl0,x ; is number of ticks
le tstb ldab lv_sign,x ; if rung is true
 bitb #$04
 bne le setb ; then save bump
  clra
             lv bump, x
le setb staa
le lx pulx ; get nextop back
 jmp plc_cycle
le countup
  1dx PLC
  ldaa #$ff
               ; is count true
 bra le_tstb
le mcr
  1dab #$01
                ; mask for mcr
  pshb
  1dab #5+lv_ios; mcr is bit 40
  ldy PLC; point y to byte
  aby
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jmp le enable
 le am
   Idab #5+lv_ios; mcr is bit 40
   ldy PLC ; point y to byte
   aby
   ldab #$01
                ; mask to set it
   jmp le sbit
 le btd
 le_dtb
 le_quad
 le unimp
   1daa #$32
   jmp flasher
                ; code .. unimplemented feature
 ; two byte ops:
  stack is mask, nextOp.w, y is addr
j_2b equ *-$0008 ; op/2
  db le if-*
  db le ifnot-*
  db le and-*
  db le andmot-*
  db le or-*
  db le ornot - *
  db le enable-*
  db le latch-*
  db le unlatch-*
le if
  Idx PLC
  pula
       ; mask
  anda 0,y; Z bit is not x
         ; put it in a2
  tpa
       ; set for straight if
  COMA
  staa lv_sign,x
  bra le lx
le ifnot
  Idx PLC
  pula
  anda 0,y
  tpa
  staa lv_sign,x
  bra le 2x
le_and
  ldx PLC
  pula
  anda 0,y
  tpa
  coma
       lv_sign,x
  anda
  staa lv_sign,x
le 2x bra le 1x
le andnot
  Idx PLC
 pula
 anda 0,y
  tpa
 anda lv_sign,x
 staa lv_sign,x
 bra le 2x
le or
 Idx PLC
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pula
  ر, o, y
  tpa
  coma
        lv_sign,x
  oraa
  staa lv sign, x
  bra le 2x
le ornot
  ldx PLC
  pula
  anda
       0,y
  tpa
        lv_sign,x
  oraa
  staa lv_sign,x
  bra le 2x
le enable
  pulb
  ldx PLC
  ldaa lv_sign,x
  bita #$04
  beq le_cbit
le sbit orab 0,y; set it from mask
  bra le tbit
le chit comb
                  ; clear it from mask
  andb 0,y
le tbit stab 0,y
  bra le 2x
le latch
  pulb
  ldx PLC
  ldaa lv_sign,x
  bita #$04
  bne le_sbit
  bra le 2x
le unlatch
  pulb
  1dx PLC
  ldaa lv_sign,x
  bita #$04
  bne le cbit
  bra le 2x
; three byte ops:
 stack is value.w (or .b.b), nextOp.w
 for put y' is counter
j_3b4 equ *-$0040 ; math K.w
  db le_get-*
  đb
     le_plus-*
      le minus-*
  đb
      le cmp-*
  db
      le times-*
  đb
      le gozinta-*
 db le_put-*
le_get
  ldx PLC
 pula
            ; value
 pulb
  std lv_acc,x
le_3x bra le_2x le_plus
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ldx PLC
  ldab #$fd ; clear less bit
        5+lv ios,x
  andb
        5+lv_ios,x
  stab
  pula
            ; value
  pulb
  addd lv_acc,x
  std lw acc,x
  bvc le 3x
le less Idab #$02
                  ; set less bit
le_sleg orab 5+lv_ios,x
  stab 5+lv ios,x
  bra le 3x
le minus
  Idx PLC
  ldab #$fl ; clear less, equal, greater
  andb 5+lv ios,x
  stab 5+lv_ios,x
  1dd 1v_acc,x
  puly
  sty lv_temp,x
  subd ly temp, x
  std 1v acc,x
le leg bcs le_less ; if goes mimus, r<op
  beq le equ
  1dab #$08 ; if r>op
  bra le sleg
le equ Idab #$04
                     ; if r=op
  bra le_sleg
le amp
  ldx PLC
  ldd lv_acc,x
  puly
  sty lv_temp,x
  cpd lv_temp,x
 bra le_leg
le times
le_gozinta
  jmp le_unimp
le_put
 pulx
           ; dump values
  lax PLC
  1dd lv_acc,x
  std 0,y
 bra le_3x
j_3b5 equ *-$0050
  db le_jmz-*; d.w
     le_jmp-*
  đb
  đb
     le_nop3-*
  đb
     le_nop3-*
     le_shf-* ; r.b, r.b
  ďb
 db le rsf-*
 db le_pack-*
 db le umpack-*
 db le cntdn-*; t.b, r.b
 db le_read-*; i.b, i.b
le_jmz
 ldx PLC
  ldaa lv_sign,x ; state of rung
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bita #$04
 beq le_jmp
             ; jump if not true
 pulx ; else dump displacement
 pulx
 jmp plc_cycle
le jmp
         ; point at disp, next
 tsx
         ; to get address of next op
 ldd 0,x
 addd 2,x
           ; adjust stack
 puly
 puly
           ; and go to wherever
 xgdx
 jmp plc_cycle
le rsf
 Idx PLC
 ldab lv_sign,x
 bith #$04 ; if it's true
 beq le_3xxx
 pulb ; get the 1st to clear
ler 1 pshb ; save it while clearing
 clra
 jsr lo_bit ; get mask, address
 comb ; to clear it
 andb 0,y
 stab 0,y
       ; look see
 pulb
           ; if last one
 pula
  cba
 beq le_3xx ; yes if b=a
           ; else save last
  psha
           ; and go do next
  incb
 bra ler 1
le shf
  Idx PLC
  ldab lv_sign,x
  bitb #$04 ; if it's true
  beg le 3xxx
  clr lv temp,x; assume first is off
  pulb
les 1 incb
           ; go to next
  pshb ; save while busy
  lra
  jsr lo bit ; get mask, address
  ldx PLC
  pshb; save mask for a sec
  andb 0,y; to get old value
  tst lv temp, x; then look at last relay
  pula ; to use mask
  bne :+1 ; to set it
           ; or clear it
  coma
  anda 0,y
  bra :+2
: oraa 0,y
  staa 0,y
: stab lv_temp,x ; and save old for next
           ; see if done
  pulb
  pula
  cba
              ; if are
  beq le_3xx
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psha
            ; else
                   .ve
  bra les 1
le_pack
  ldx PLC
      lv sign,x
  ldab
  bitb
               ; if it's true
      #$04
  beq le 3xxx
  clra
  clrb
  std lv_acc,x
              ; start with all off
  pula
           ; the last one (1sb)
           ; the first one
  pulb
  psha
             ; save while packing
  clra
  jsr lo_bit ; get mask, address
  andb 0,y ; check bit
  addb #$ff ; sets carry if on
  ldx PLC
  rol lv_acc+1,x ; to roll into accumulator
  rol lv_acc,x
  pulb
         ; see if done
  pula
  cba
 beq le_3xx ; if are
 psha ; else save
  decb
           ; to do next
 bra lep_1
le 3xxx pulx
                ; dump params
le 3xx pulx
 jmp plc_cycle
le umpack
 1dx PLC
 ldab lv_sign,x
 bitb #$04 ; if it's true
 beq le 3xxx
 ldd lv_acc,x; use temp to roll out
 std lv_temp,x
 pulb ; first to set (lsb)
clra
 jsr lo bit ; get mask, address
 1dx PLC
 ror ly temp, x; roll from accumulator
 ror lv_temp+1,x; into carry
 bcs:+1; to set it
 comb ; to clear it
 andb 0,y
 stab 0,y
 bra :+2
: orab 0,y
 stab 0,y
: pulb
           ; see if done
 pula
 cba
 beq le_3xx
             ; if are
 psha
           ; else save
 incb
           ; to do next
 bra leu 1
le_nop3
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le contain
le read
 jmp le_unimp
; four byte ops:
  stack is tc.b, constant.w, nextOp.w
 4b equ *-$0070
                   ; base of 4 byte ops
    le tap-*
     le setc-*
     le_pset-*
     le hsc-*
le setc
 ldx PLC
           ; d is to number
 clra
 pulb
 puly
       ; save constant in frame
 sty lv temp+2,x
 pshb
 asld
       ; times two
 addd #1v cnts ; plus offset
 addd PIC ; plus frame start
 std ly temp, x; stash 'count in frame
 pulb ; to number again
 tba ·
 lsrb
 1srb
          ; byte number of done flag
 1srb
 addb #1v tcds ; with offset
 ldy PLC; points y to byte
 aby
       ; get bit mum back for mask
 tab
 andb #$07
 ldx #lo masks
 abx
 ldaa 0,x; mask in a, 'done in y
 ldx PLC; first look at this rung
 ldab lv sign,x
 bitb #$04 ; if it's true
 bne le_rset ; then reset tc
 bita 0,y; now see if already done
 bne le setr ; just set runs flag if so
 ldab lv bump, x; now see if bump is there
 beq le_setf ; set rung false if no
 bpl le seta ; do bump if from time
 pshy ; save address of done flag for a sec
 ldab #lv_tcrs-lv tcds; so we can check count rung flag
 aby ; which is at done+#tcs/2
 bita 0,y; this is what it was
 puly ; restore address of done flag
 bne le_sett ; if still true and waiting
 ldab #$01
              ; if an edge bump count
le seta psha ; save mask for a sec
 pshy; as well as 'done
 clra; dis bump
 ldy lv_temp,x; y is 'count
 addd 0,y
 bcc:+1
 ldd #$ffff
               ; stop at max
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: std 0,y
  cpd ly temp+2,x; compare to constant
 puly
 pula
 bcs le setr
  tab; if there, use mask
 orab 0,y; to set done flag
 stab 0,y
le setr idab #1v tcrs-lv tcds; get to rung flag to set it
         ; which is at done+#tcs/2
 aby
  tst lv_bump,x ; bump <0 is counting and true
 bmi le sett ; so do it
                ; else show it false
le setf coma
 anda 0,y
 staa 0,y
 bra le setx
le sett oraa 0,y
 staa 0,y
 bra le setx
le rset tab ; reset, use mask
 comb
 andb 0,y ; to clear done flag
 stab 0,y
 pshy
 ldy lv_temp,x
 clr 0,y ; and clear counter
 clr 1,y
 puly
 bra le_setr ; then go save state of rung
le_pset
 pulb
 pulx ; get value
  ldy PLC
 ldaa lv_sign,y
 bita #$04 ; if it's true
 beq le_setx
 clra; then d is to number
 asld; times two
 addd #lv_cnts ; plus offset
 addd PLC ; plus frame start
 xgdx
 std 0,x ; put it there
le setx pulx ; nextop back
 jmp plc_cycle
le tap
 1dx PLC
 clr lv_sign,x; assume no hit
 clra; distc number
 pulb
 asld
           ; times two
  addd #lv cnts ; plus offset
 addd PLC ; plus frame start
 xgax
           ; 'count in x
 pula
           ; constant in d
 pulb
 cpd 0,x
 bhi le setx
               ; if const>count
  ldx PLC
  1daa #$04
               ; else hit it
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staa lv_sign,x
bra le_setx
le_hsc
jmp le_unimp

The preferred embodiment of the present invention has now been described. This preferred embodiment constitutes the best mode contemplated by the inventor for carrying out his invention. Because the invention 10 may be copied without copying the precise details of the preferred embodiment, the following claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the inventor regards as his invention and wishes to protect:

I claim:

1. An improved flying paster for splicing the leading edge of the leading end of a new web of material, which is wound, as a first roll, on and about a first central core, to the trailing end of a running web of material which is 20 wound, as a second roll, on and about a second central core, which is running through and out of the flying paster as it is unwound from the second, running roll, the improved flying paster comprising:

first and second side walls that are spaced apart a 25 distance greater than the widths of the first and second rolls and that have a bottom surface and an upper surface;

means for mounting the ends of the first central core for rotation with respect to the first and second side 30 walls so that the new roll is disposed in a splicing position between the first and second side walls;

- means for mounting the ends of the second central core for rotation with respect to the first and second side walls so that the second, running roll is 35 disposed in an operating, unwinding position between the first and second side walls and so that the running web may be unwound from the second roll and may be thereafter run through and out of the flying paster;

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- a movable brake and roll accelerator assembly mounted in the flying paster adjacent and movable with respect to a side wall, with the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly being movable between a first position adjacent to the splicing position and a second position adjacent to the operating position;
- a fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly mounted in the flying paster adjacent to a side wall and to the operating position;
- means for selectively connecting an end of the first central core with the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly so as to enable the movable brake and roll assembly to cause and control rotation of the new roll;
- means for selectively connecting an end of the second central core with the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly so as to enable the fixed brake and roll assembly to cause and control the rotation of the second, running roll;
- means for controlling the operation of selectively one of the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly and the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly so that the running web is maintained under positive controlled tension, at all times, as it un- 65 winds;
- a tension control dancer mounted with the flying paster and so as to receive the running web as it

exits from the flying paster, with the dancer including means for providing an input control signal to the controlling means concerning the web tension condition of the running web as it passes through the dancer, which signal functions to control the operation of the selected assembly so as to maintain the running web under positive tension control at all times;

means for causing a portion of the running web, which is downstream from the second, running roll, to run adjacent to the leading end of the web on the new roll;

means for causing the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly to rotate the new roll so that the speed of the new roll matches the speed of the running web;

means for cutting the running web when the running web is adjacent to the web on the new roll;

means for splicing the leading end of the new roll with the trailing end of the web then running from the second roll when the speed of the new roll matches the speed of the running web;

means for transferring the operational control of the selected brake and accelerator assembly from the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly to the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly upon the splicing of the leading end of the new roll with the trailing end of the running web from the second roll;

means for disconnecting the second central core from the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly after transfer of the operational control to the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly;

mean for moving the new, now-running roll from the splicing position to the operating position;

means for connecting an end of the first central core with the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly so as to enable the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly to cause and control rotation of the new, now-running roll;

means for disconnecting the end of the first central core from the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly after connection has been made between the first central core and the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly; and

- means for transferring the operational control of the new now running roll from the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly to the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly upon disconnection of the first central core and the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly.
- 2. The improved flying paster of claim 1 which includes means for permitting the second central core, and any remaining web wound thereon, to be moved from the operating position, from the flying paster after disconnection of the second central core and the fixed brake and brake accelerator assembly.
- 3. The improved flying paster of claim 1, which includes means for moving the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly with the new, now-running roll, as the new roll moves from the splicing position to the

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operating position, between its first position and its second position.

- 4. The improved flying paster of claim 3 which includes means for moving the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly from its second position to its first position after disconnection of the end of the first central core from the movable assembly.
- 5. The improved flying paster of claim 1 which includes means for causing the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly to accelerate the new roll, prior to splicing, such that the diameter of the new roll, the weight of the new roll, the angle between a brake pulse and a predetermined colored mark on the new roll, the frictional forces involved, and the efficiency of the movable assembly can be calculated.
- 6. The improved flying paster of claim 2 which includes means for moving the movable brake and roll

accelerator assembly with the new, now-running roll, as the new roll moves from the splicing position to the operating position, between its first position and its second position.

- 7. The improved flying paster of claim 6 which includes means for moving the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly from its second position to its first position after disconnection of the end of the first central core shaft from the movable assembly.
- 8. The improved flying paster of claim 7 which includes means for causing the movable brake and roll accelerator assembly to accelerate the new roll, prior to splicing, such that the diameter of the new roll, the weight of the new roll, the angle between a brake pulse and a predetermined colored mark on the new roll, the frictional forces involved, and the efficiency of the movable assembly can be calculated.

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